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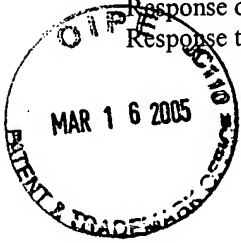
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POLYMERS AND ADHESIVE COMPOSITIONS PREPARED THEREWITH

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed February 14, 2005.

The Requirements for Restriction and Election of Species:

The Examiner required restriction between four groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-11, 20-23, 42-48, 55-59, 68-73, and 80-90, drawn to a water-insoluble crosslinked hydrophilic adhesive polymer;
- II. Claims 12, 13, 60 and 61; drawn to a film-forming composition;
- III. Claims 14-19, 31-37, 49-54, 62-67, and 74-79, drawn to a hydrogel composition;
and
- IV. Claims 24-30 and 38-41, drawn to a water-soluble hydrophilic adhesive polymer.

In response, applicants elect Group IV, claims 24-30 and 38-41, without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.